

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES section beginning on page 1, line 21 and ending on page 4, line 2 of the previously filed application with the following amended SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES section:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES

A computer program and a computer including a template memory containing a document template containing headings equivalent to:

"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- 1) Field of the Invention
- 2) Description of the Prior Art

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

CLAIMS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE"

A page break is stored in the computer program immediately before the "CLAIMS" heading and another page break is stored in the computer program immediately before the "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE" heading. Also included is a footer stored in the computer program for displaying the attorney file identification on every page of the application. A user composes an independent claim in the computer program ending in a clause beginning with the words "characterized by" and reciting and isolating the novelty. At least one clause reciting prior art elements precedes the "characterized by" clause to support and provide antecedent basis for the

“characterized by” clause. The drafting of subsequent claims in the computer ultimately depends upon the independent claim for successively more specifically defining the patentable novelty.

The invention is characterized by storing a duplicate set of all of the claims in the computer program and creating the description by retrieving the duplicate set of claims under the heading “DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT”. The invention is further characterized by searching for each occurrence of the word “said” in the duplicate set of claims copied into the specification and programming the computer program to replace the word “said” with the word “the” in the duplicate set of claims whereby the duplicate set of claims is edited into grammatically correct sentence structure. The editing includes adding verbs and assigning reference numerals for element names by storing the element names of the elements in the order recited in the duplicate set of claims. Accordingly, successive numbers beginning with a number above the highest Figure number to identify the respective element names are stored in the computer program. The computer program then searches the duplicate set of claims for each occurrence of each respective element name in the order of occurrence and replaces each respective element name with that respective element name followed by the element number or numbers corresponding to that respective element name. Thus, the computer program automatically provides identifying reference numerals for the element names in the order of occurrence in the duplicate set of claims and automatically shifts the reference numerals in response to changing the order of occurrence in the duplicate set of claims.

Accordingly, the invention encompasses a method of preparing a patent application with a computer comprising the steps of: storing a document template in a computer program which contains headings set forth above, storing a page break immediately before the “CLAIMS” heading in the computer program, storing a page break immediately before the

“ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE” heading in the computer program, storing a footer in the computer program for displaying the attorney file identification on every page of the application, composing an independent claim in the computer program ending in a clause beginning with the words “characterized by” and reciting and isolating the novelty and preceded by at least one clause reciting prior art elements to the extent necessary, drafting claims in the computer ultimately dependent upon the independent claim for successively more specifically defining the patentable novelty; and characterized by storing a duplicate set of all of the claims in the computer program to create the description by retrieving the duplicate set of claims under the heading “DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT”, searching for each occurrence of the word “said” in the duplicate set of claims copied into the specification, programming the computer program to replace the word “said” with the word “the” in the duplicate set of claims copied into the specification, editing the duplicate set of claims copied into the specification into grammatically correct sentence structure including adding verbs, assigning reference numerals for the first time by the steps of storing the element names of the elements in the order recited in the duplicate set of claims, storing successive numbers beginning with a number above the highest Figure number to identify the respective element names, searching for each occurrence of each respective element name in the order of occurrence in the duplicate set of claims, replacing each respective element name with that respective element name followed by successive ones of said numbers to provide identifying reference numerals for the element names in the order of occurrence in the duplicate set of claims, and automatically shifting the reference numerals in response to changing the order of occurrence in the duplicate set of claims.